

**What Is Claimed Is:**

1. A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film, comprising the steps of:
  - 5 providing a thermoplastic film;
  - providing a foraminous surface;
  - unwinding said thermoplastic film;
  - advancing said film onto said foraminous surface;
  - impinging said film with hydraulic pressure so as to impart an image into said film; and
- 10 drying said imaged thermoplastic film, wherein said drying process comprises the use of a frequency range of electro-magnetic radiation that preserves said image imparted into said film.
2. A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film as in claim 1, wherein said foraminous surface is a three-dimensional image transfer device.
- 15 3. A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film as in claim 1, wherein said frequency range is provided by microwaves.
4. A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film, comprising the steps of:
  - 20 providing a thermoplastic polymeric melt;
  - providing a support layer;
  - providing a foraminous surface;
  - extruding said polymeric melt directly onto said support layer so as to form a laminate;
  - advancing said film laminate onto said foraminous surface;
  - 25 impinging said film laminate with hydraulic pressure to impart an image into said film laminate; and
  - drying said imaged thermoplastic film, wherein said drying process comprises the use of a frequency range of electro-magnetic radiation that preserves said image imparted into said film.

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